

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project Status Update – September 5, 2017

The City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works, along with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, is currently implementing a **multi-million dollar** reconstruction project which calls for removing and replacing existing water and drainage lines, repairing the sewer line, repaving the roadway in concrete, installing new sidewalks, when necessary, and installing American with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps at intersections.

#### "Conversation on the Corner"

The bi-weekly community status meeting is held every other Thursday morning at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be held this **Thursday**, **September 7**, **at 10 a.m.** on the corner of **Bienville and Bourbon** streets. **NOTE:** In the event of rain, we will meet at the PJ's in the Royal Sonesta.

#### Work Schedule

Construction crews are currently working from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. as weather permits. When possible, crews may work until 8 p.m.; however, high volumes of pedestrian activity make moving equipment more challenging late in the day.

#### **Traffic Status**

#### Ongoing Intersection Closure at Iberville St.

With inclement weather causing delays, expect the traffic closure at the intersection of Iberville St., to extend until the end of this week. The intersection will be repaved in concrete prior to re-opening.

#### Future Intersection Closure at Conti St.

Expect a traffic closure at the intersection of Conti St. to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection to begin on **September 8**. The closure will last several weeks. The intersection will be repaided in concrete prior to re-opening.

#### Future Intersection Closure at Bienville St.

The traffic closure at the intersection of Bienville St. has been postponed until **mid-October**. The closure is required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection and will last several weeks.

#### **AT&T Service Outage Reporting Process**

To ensure service restoration and proper credit, AT&T residential customers MUST report problems to 1-800-288-2020. Business customers MUST report problems to 1-877-438-0041. After reporting problems to AT&T, customers may also send e-mail to <a href="mailto:roadwork@nola.gov">roadwork@nola.gov</a> to expedite the process.

#### **Garbage Corrals**

Garbage must be **placed in appropriate corrals** at the end of each intersecting block (Iberville, Bienville and Conti) between 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please refrain from leaving garbage cans on the Bourbon St. sidewalk as we are required to maintain pedestrian access.

## 100 (Canal - Iberville) Timeline: Apr. 24 - Sept. 15

- The fence in the 100 block of Bourbon was removed and the block has been <u>reopened for pedestrian traffic ONLY.</u>
- Ongoing intersection closure: The traffic closure at the intersection of Iberville St. remains in effect but will be removed at the end of this week.
- Entergy Electric crews will begin streetlight conduit work on the lake side this week, weather pending.
- SIDEWALK RESTORATION: Restoration of brick sidewalks began last week. Crews have started placing brick sidewalks on the riverside of the block. Work on the lake side has started this week.
- All work on this block will be completed by mid-September 2017.



## 200 (Iberville – Bienville) Anticipated Full Closure

#### Construction Timeline: Jul. 5 - Mid-November

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Entergy Electric crews have placed the main duct bank up to the Bienville intersection in this block. The remaining work is scheduled to last through the beginning of October.
- Approximately one-third (100 feet) of the 12-inch drainage line has been installed. The remainder of the drain lines will be installed by the end of September.
- Plan to place garbage cans in appropriate corrals at the intersection of Iberville and Bienville streets.

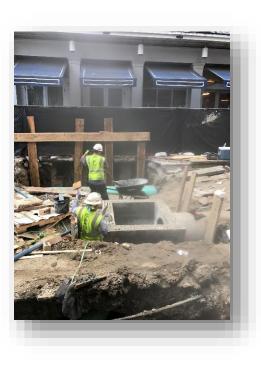
  Garbage cans and carts may not be placed on the Bourbon St. sidewalk until construction is completed in the 200 block.
- Future intersection closure: The traffic closure at the intersection of Bienville St. required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection has been postponed until in mid-October. The closure will last several weeks.

# 300 (Bienville - Conti) Anticipated Full Closure Construction Timeline: May 15 - Mid-October

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Construction crews have installed the new sewer and water lines.
- Drainage work will be complete later this week.
- Friendly reminder to the adjacent businesses that the sidewalk signage should be taken into your venue each night.
- Pavement restoration is scheduled to begin in mid-September.

# 400 (Conti – St. Louis) Anticipated Full Closure Construction Timeline: Sept. 7 – Dec. 2017

- Fencing will be installed on the 400 block on Thursday,
   September 7.
- The lining of the existing sewer main will begin this week.
- **SIDEWALK CLOSURES:** Entergy Gas will have intermittent sidewalk closures throughout the week.



## 500 - 800 Blocks of Bourbon Street

Due to the significant rain delays, unforeseen site conditions and budget, the City has determined that it will complete the French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project in two phases. Phase 1, which includes fully reconstructing the 100 – 400 blocks of Bourbon St. and installing safety bollards, will be completed by Dec. 2017 under the Department of Public Works' maintenance contract. Phase 2, which includes fully reconstructing the 500 – 800 blocks of Bourbon St., will be designed, bid and awarded through a separate contract with the goal of starting in May 2018. The plan for bollard installation in the 400-800 blocks has not yet been finalized; until that time, the NOPD barricades will be used during major events.

### 500 - 800 (St. Louis - Dumaine)

• Phase 2, 500 – 800 blocks of Bourbon St., of the FQIIP will begin in May 2018.

Questions about our French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project may be directed via e-mail to <a href="mailto:roadwork@nola.gov">roadwork@nola.gov</a> or to our RoadworkNOLA hotline 504.658.ROAD (7623).

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